Project Hermes to Distribute Supreme Court Opinions To Depository Libraries

Beginning November 1, 1990, the U.S. Government Printing Office will inaugurate the Project Hermes Bulletin Board (PHBB). PHBB will offer the full text of Supreme Court opinions within 8 hours of their release by the Supreme Court.

The opinions will be available in ASCII format, and can be downloaded. Depository libraries may use the PHBB at no charge, but must pay the cost of the direct dial telephone call to the bulletin board. The PHBB will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

On November 1, regional and law depositories may begin accessing the PHBB. If no opinions have been released during the current session of the Supreme Court, several test files will be available. The test files will represent one opinion: one test file will be formatted so that footnotes are embedded in the text of the opinion following the paragraph in which they occur; a second test file will be formatted with the footnotes following the text of the opinion; additional test files will provide alternative physical/logical file arrangements.

Regional and law libraries will be used as beta test sites during the month of November. After some time during which they have had an opportunity to experiment with the files and the alternative file formats, they will be surveyed to determine which of the file formats is most useful. Additionally, access by law and regional depositories should uncover any unanticipated difficulties with the system.

Depending on the success of the beta test phase, GPO anticipates making the PHBB available to all depositories beginning December 1, 1990. There will be an announcement in Administrative Notes advising all depositories of the availability of the PHBB; however, libraries can, at any time, dial into the bulletin board to determine the status of the system.

The PHBB can be reached by dialing **(202) 275-7923**.

The system will accommodate X and Y modem protocols at speeds of 1200, 2400 and 9600 baud.

Modem settings are : 8 bits, no parity, 1 stop bit.

Each depository dialing in to the PHBB for the first time will log on to the system

using a pre-assigned user ID (the depository library number). During this initial online session, libraries will be required to furnish profile information, and establish a password. Within one day after the first online session, depositories will be authorized to download files from the PHBB.

PHBB uses state of the art bulletin board software, "The Major Bulletin Board System", by Galacticomm. A series of messages and menu screens leads even inexperienced users through the system. However, should libraries experience difficulty in accessing the system or with any system functions, telephone assistance is available from the GPO Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. The "hotline" telephone number is (202) 275-2471.

GPO is making the PHBB available to depository libraries in conjunction with the "Project Hermes" pilot test being conducted by the Supreme Court. "Project Hermes" is a two-year experiment, the objective of which is to provide copies of the Court's opinions in electronic form. Hermes was developed by the Court's Committee on the Electronic Dissemination of Opinions, in association with the Supreme Court Opinion Network (SCON), a non-profit consortium.

PHBB availability will not affect paper distribution of Supreme Court slip opinions: for the duration of the pilot, depository libraries will continue to receive the slip opinions in hard copy.

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Economic Bulletin Board Pilot Project Test Ending
Libraries Urged to Provide Survey Data

December 31, 1990, marks the end of online access to the Department of Commerce's Economic Bulletin Board (EBB) for the 100 depositories participating in this pilot project. Test site libraries are reminded that, after that date, access to the EBB will not be authorized unless the library registers with the Department of Commerce and pays the standard subscription fee and connect charges. For further information about this service, contact Commerce's Office of Business Analysis and Economic Affairs at (202) 377-1986.

Library Programs Service is appreciative of the participation in this online pilot project by the test site libraries. As data collection is important to overall evaluation of the project, participating depositories are urged to continue to provide user data via the online survey through the end of the calendar year. Libraries will be asked to provide staffing and cost data for the project in another survey which the Library Programs Service plans to mail by the end of the year. For more information, call Jane Bartlett at (202) 275-1003.

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Send In Your Updates to the FAX and Online Documents Catalog Directories!

If your library has a new or changed FAX number, or would like to be added to the list of "mentors" in the online documents catalog directory, please send the information to the Editor as soon as possible. New compilations of both directories are planned for January, 1991.

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E for Electronic:
New Shipping List Inaugurated for Electronic Products

Electronic products mailed to depository libraries are now listed on their own separate shipping lists, designated by the letter E following the shipping list number. On October 10, 1990, Depository Shipping List No. 90-0001-E accompanied the distribution of several CD-ROMs, two floppy diskettes, and paper documentation for the discs.

The inauguration of separate shipping lists for electronic items is an indication of an overall effort by the Library Programs Service to "normalize" the acquisition, processing, distribution, and claiming procedures for electronic publications now and in the future.

Electronic shipping lists might include an electronic product or paper documentation supporting an offline or online electronic publication. Libraries which have selected an item number that includes any of these materials should make claims for items not received or for defective material by using the appropriate electronic shipping list. The claim period is the normal 60 calendar days from receipt of the shipping list.

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List of U.S. Senate Publications Discontinued
Decision Based on Survey Results

U.S. Senate Library staff issued a survey regarding the List of U.S. Senate Publications in Administrative Notes, v. 11, no. 17 (August 15, 1990). The Senate Library staff have now tabulated the responses and are announcing the results, as follows:

Category	# of Responses	Percentage of Responses
Used & essential	31	7.8%
Used but not essential	69	17.2%
Not used	299	75.0%
Returned unmarked	1	
Total Responses	400	28.6% (of 1398 depositories)

Based on these results, Senate Library staff have concluded that the listings are of very limited usefulness and their continuation is unwarranted. The Senate Library is therefore discontinuing the listings effective immediately. The last list published appeared in the July 15, 1990 issue of Administrative Notes (v. 11, no. 15).

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Number of Publications Distributed to Depository Libraries in FY90[*]

	Paper		Microfiche		Total	
Month	Titles	Copies	Titles	Copies	Titles	Copies
Oct.	2,032	843,697	1,585	1,025,993	3,617	1,869,690
Nov.	1,925	812,555	1,335	567,687	3,260	1,380,242
Dec.	1,246	489,506	2,220	783,228	3,466	1,272,734
Jan.	1,905	940,689	3,742	1,541,345	5,647	2,482,034
Feb.	1,429	671,771	2,490	941,532	3,919	1,613,303
Mar.	1,912	880,344	3,741	1,533,583	5,653	2,022,870
Apr.	1,502	713,306	3,328	1,309,564	4,830	2,022,870
May	1,773	779,943	2,762	1,454,161	4,535	2,234,104
June	2,126	940,184	2,078	1,304,856	4,204	2,245,040
July	2,139	922,532	2,521	1,209,117	4,660	2,131,649
Aug.	2,075	818,276	3,531	1,749,158	5,606	2,567,434
Sept.	1,463	601,891	2,114	978,597	3,577	1,580,488
Totals	21,527	9,414,694	31,447	14,398,821	52,974	23,813,515

[*] Does not include items mailed by DOE or USGS.

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Your Chance to Effect Changes
In the Federal Depository Library Manual!

The Depository Library Council has undertaken a revision of its Federal Depository Library Manual, which it hopes to publish by fall of 1991. To help with this project, the Council has put together a group of revisors and editors, who are listed on the next pages. If you would like to suggest any changes in the manual, please contact any of those listed.

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Readers Exchange

[The Library Programs Service distributed the Administrative Notes Cumulative Table of Contents to depositories on a 5¼" floppy disk in October. Francis Wihbey of the University of Maine at Orono has tested the disk on a Macintosh and has put together the following documentation for other Macintosh users.]

Depository librarians who use a Macintosh may be interested in a method of translating the Table of Contents into a Macintosh file.

First locate an IBM or IBM-compatible computer with both a 5¼" and a 3½" disk drive. Note the drive labels. (Usually Drive A is on the right, Drive B is on the left). Place the depository 5¼" disk in Drive A. Place a DOS format 3½" disk in Drive B. Type in the following command, using punctuation and spacing exactly as shown:
        copy a:*.* b:*.*

(If Drive A is not the 5¼" disk drive, you may need to interchange the letters A and B or use other appropriate drive labels. Ask for help locally.)

To check that the files have been copied properly, type the following commands in sequence:
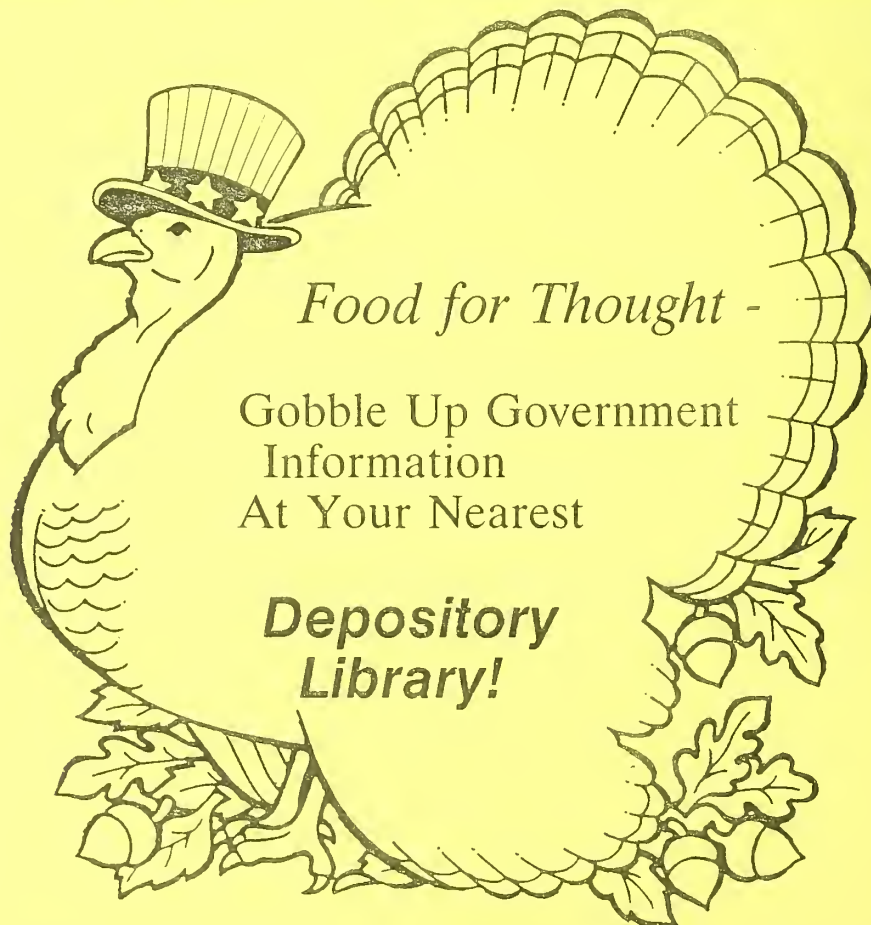   b:
        dir
A list of files on the 3½" disk should be displayed, and should now include ADINDEX.TXT and the backup copy 2NDCOPY.TXT.

Bring the 3½" disk to any Macintosh with a Superdrive (most of the Macintosh II series and most Macintoshes manufactured since late 1988. Do not insert the disk yet. Open the Apple File Exchange program. (This was probably included on the Utilities Disk 2 that came with the Macintosh originally). The Apple File Exchange dialog box will appear, displaying two squares. The square on the right is temporarily blank. The square on the left shows a directory of the files and folders on the currently active Macintosh floppy disk or hard disk. Use the scroll bar and/or the "Drive" button to choose where you want the Table of Contents file to go.

Now insert the 3½" disk. A directory of the files on the disk will appear in the right square and a new menu option "MS-DOS to Mac" will appear in the menu bar. Under the MS-DOS to Mac menu click on "Text translation." A dialog box will appear. Click on the "OK" button.

Click on the ADINDEX.TXT file name in the right square and click on the "Translate" button. After the "Copying file..." window goes away, showing that translation is completed, quit the Apple File Exchange program. The Table of Contents can now be opened, customized and renamed by any word processing program on your Macintosh. Text searching in the Table of Contents can usually be accomplished by a "Search" or "Find" option in the program menu.

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